

# Joseph H. Ridges

1) Who is Joseph H. Ridges and why is he famous?

Clue: **Find a book**

*Encyclopedia of Latter-day Saint History*, page 1030

Call number: US/CAN 289.309 G191e

Location: **FHL Third floor** (east wall, first row, bottom shelf)

Answer:

\* Bonus question for super sleuths:

**What was his middle name?**

Answer:

This floor has lots of books, maps, pedigree charts, and computers. It has books about places in the United States and Canada. It has books about many religions, including Latterday Saint history. It is a good place to look for information on ethnic studies and other cultures such as Native Americans, Jews, Afro Americans, Latin Americans, and more.

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2) What did Joseph H. Ridges look like?

Clue: **Find his picture in a book**

*Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah*

Call number: 979.2 D3e pt 1, page 474

Location: **FHL Second floor**

Ask someone at the **Reference Desk** to direct you to the **patron reference shelves** and the **Church History section**. (Note: This book is also found on the third floor, but not with the reference books. It is on the regular shelves.)

\* Bonus question for super sleuths:

**Did Brother Ridges have a beard or not?**

Answer:

The second floor has lots of microfilm with family history records of the U.S. and Canada including census records.

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## 3) Where did Joseph live?

Joseph was born in England in 1827. He went to school there. Later he moved to Australia where he was baptized and built his first organ. Brigham Young asked him to come on a ship to America and bring his family in a wagon to Utah.

**Find a wall map on display that shows England, Australia and Utah.**

Clue: Take your family to the **Orientation Room (main floor)**.

Maps are a good tool to learn more about your family. There are many good maps throughout the Library.

\* Bonus question for Super Sleuths:

**Do you want to watch the 8 minute movie to learn more about the Library?**

(If you do not have time today, then please bring your family back to visit the Library again soon!)

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## 4) What was Joseph's occupation?

Joseph is listed in the 1900 U.S. Census living in Salt Lake City. The census taker asked him many questions about his family. What kind of work did Brother Ridges do?

Clue: **Find a computer.**

Go to the website: [www.ancestryinstitution.com](http://www.ancestryinstitution.com)

Find where it says "Click here" to get a list of available records. Choose the "1900 U.S. Census".

Type in the name: **Joseph Ridges** and the residence: **Utah**

Double click on the name to see more information.

Double click on the image to see the actual census record and find the answer.

Answer:

Computers are located on every floor of the Library. Tell your Mom and Dad the Library has USB connections and WiFi.

\* Bonus question for Super Sleuths:

**How old was Joseph in 1880?**

Answer:

Look on the 1900 census and find his grandchildren living next door. Clifford is age 6 and Ella is age 5. Do you think he taught his grandchildren how to use tools in his workshop? How do you think they felt to know their Grandfather built such a beautiful and famous organ?

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5) Where can you learn more about the Tabernacle organ and Joseph H. Ridges?

Clue: Find a microfilm

FHL US/CAN film 1035958 item 3

*History of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Organ and its originator  
Joseph Harris Ridges*

Location: **FHL Second floor** -- U.S./Canada film floor

**Find the film box in the microfilm cabinets.** Please leave the box in the drawer today. But you can go to reader number \_\_\_\_\_ and see what the microfilm looks like.

If you think this was fun...

...just wait until you have a treasure hunt at

the **Family History Library**

searching for clues about your OWN

ancestors!